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VIA HAND DELIVERY

William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Double Poles, D.T.E. 03-87

Dear Hearing Officer Stevens:

This letter is a response by Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, Verizon Massachusetts, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("Parties") to the Procedural Ruling you issued on June 16, 2005 as Hearing Officer for the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") in D.T.E. 03-87. Your ruling goes to the filing of revised semi-annual double pole reports, standardization of data, data on past double poles removed, and the filing of a backlog elimination date. The Procedural Ruling indicated the information is sought from each of the Parties by June 30, 2005.

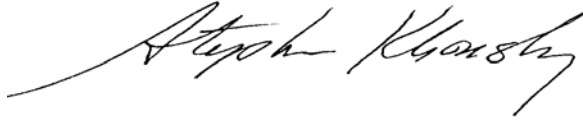
The Parties have worked diligently with the Department to eliminate double poles in the Commonwealth. As the Department is aware, this is a complex undertaking. The Parties have no objection to providing more information as set out in your Procedural Ruling. In addition, standardization of data could well prove useful. However, the Parties have reviewed the Procedural Order and are either not clear on the specifics of what additional information is requested (*see, e.g.*, the updates to the semi-annual reports set forth in paragraph 4 of Section II.B) or the information sought is not readily available by next Thursday, June 30 (*e.g.*, the thrust of Attachment A appears to be historical pole removal data, and the Parties do not have that data in that format).

While the requested information cannot be submitted on June 30, the Parties are committed to working toward a solution that provides the Department with the data it wants in as short a period of time as is warranted. To further that end, the Parties request a meeting with the Department staff as soon as possible. At this meeting the Parties would seek to: (1) understand better the Department's goals; (2) explore the alternate ways data may be provided; (3) explain what data is available now; and (4) explore the time frame data not now available can be provided in the future. The Parties believe that this procedure will result in the Department's getting the information it seeks in the least amount of time.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Klionsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left. A thin vertical red line is positioned to the right of the signature.

Stephen Klionsky
On behalf of:
Boston Edison Company
Cambridge Electric Light Company
Commonwealth Electric Company
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Massachusetts Electric Company and
Nantucket Electric Company
Verizon Massachusetts
Western Massachusetts Electric Company

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
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